

Waiting...for peace

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.** Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Loving and forgiving God, **we confess that we are held captive by sin.** In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. **We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another.** Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. **Amen.**

People of God, hear this glad news: by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are free—free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be strengthened in God's love, ☩ comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #257 (red hymnal), #34 (green), vs. 2 & 8

2. O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way. *Refrain*

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

8. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. Show us your gift of peace in new ways so that we might serve you more faithfully. We pray this in your holy name. Amen.

Kids' Sermon

Candle Lighting

Gospel Hymn – God Came Down #253 (red hymnal)

1. God came down that we may have love; God came down that we may have love; God came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.
2. God came down that we may have hope; God came down that we may have hope; God came down that we may have hope; hallelujah forevermore.
3. God came down that we may have light; God came down that we may have light; God came down that we may have light; hallelujah forevermore.
4. God came down that we may have peace; God came down that we may have peace; God came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forevermore.

Scripture: John 14:25-31

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate,^[a] the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

Sermon

Come Now, O Prince of Peace #247 (red hymnal)

1. Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
2. Come now, O God of love, make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.
4. Come, Hope of unity, make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Prayers of the People

Holy Communion

Benediction

My Lord, What a Morning #438 (red hymnal)

Refrain: My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning; oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.

1. You will hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground, looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*
2. You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground, looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*
3. You will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground, looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

Announcements

Postlude

Drive-thru Offering Collection & Communion Distribution